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MONDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1854.

THOMAS ROMNEY ROBINSON, D. D., PRESIDENT,
in the Chair.

HIS Excellency the Earl of St. Germans, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, attended the meeting.

The President communicated an outline of the second part of his paper on the properties of electro-magnets.

The Rev. Dr. Todd exhibited a large collection of gold ornaments recently found in the county of Clare, and made some remarks on the gold ornaments of the ancient Celts, Gauls, and Danes.

The Secretary read a paper by the Rev. Edward Hincks, D. D., on the personal pronouns of the Assyrian and other languages, especially Hebrew :—

“According to the views maintained in this paper, the so-called pronouns of the Hebrew-Assyrian family of languages, belonging to the first and second persons, are of very different classes.

“Some of them consist of a verbal root *an*, to which the real pronouns are attached ; which real pronouns are radically the same as the corresponding pronouns of the Indo-European languages. Thus, the Assyrian *anáku*, Hebrew *anoki*, Arabic *aná*, and Coptic *anok*, is literally ‘Here I am.’ Of the same nature are the Assyrian and Hebrew *atta*, of which the primitive form *anta* is preserved in Arabic ; and the feminine and plural forms of the second person.

“Other so-called pronouns consist of a noun with a possessive affix attached to it. Such is the second Hebrew form